

NEXT STEPS: PART 1

You've seen "John 3:16" scrawled on bed sheets and displayed at NFL games! Here it is. Read these verses that are a record of what Jesus said to an important religious leader in Jerusalem.

JOHN 3:16-21 | FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD

[16] "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. [17] For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. [18] Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. [19] And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. [20] For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. [21] But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God." (ESV)

1. What do you think is the most important idea that this well-known verse expresses?
2. You might not agree with displaying "John 3:16," But why do you think Christians consider this verse so important?
3. Jesus is presented in the Bible as the light of the world. According to verses 19-21, why do some people have a hostile reaction to Jesus? Have you ever had a reaction to Him, like pushing out of your mind thoughts of Him?
4. What is something in these verses you see that is important for you to remember?